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Sir:

In order to update our records, this letter is an inquiry regarding the status of the above-referenced patent application.

I am the attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.

Respectfully submitted this 27 day of September, 2008.

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